

**Social Security Advisory Board
Minutes
Board Meeting
June 24, 2013**

Location: 400 Virginia Avenue, S.W., Suite 625
Washington, D.C. 20024

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

SSAB Members: Barbara Kennelly, Acting Chair
Bernadette Franks-Ongoy
Jagadeesh Gokhale
Dorcas Hardy

Presenters: **Patrick P. O’Carroll**, Inspector General, Social Security Administration
Gale Stone, Deputy Inspector General, Social Security Administration
Karl Tomak, Senior Advisor, Social Security Administration
Ruby Burrell, Chief Strategic Officer, Social Security Administration
Stephen Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration
Alice Wade, Deputy Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration

SSAB Staff: Debi Sullivan, Staff Director
Claire Green, Deputy Staff Director
Jackie Chapin
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Joel Feinleib
Jodi Vican
David Warner
Sarah Weaver, Staff Intern
Alec Moore, Staff Intern
Joshua Radick, Staff Intern

During its June meeting, the Board convened three fact-finding sessions – one in the morning, and two in the afternoon. During the morning session, the Board met with Social Security Administration (SSA) Inspector General Patrick O’Carroll and Deputy Inspector General Gale Stone. Mr. O’Carroll and Ms. Stone provided a brief overview on the various functions of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) as well as the office’s current budget situation and how it is affected by sequestration. The majority of the session, however, covered the issue of Social Security identity theft and fraud. The number of these Social Security-related crimes has risen recently; particularly ones related to the new Treasury-issued Direct Express debit cards and SSA’s “My Social Security” account.

In the afternoon, the Board met with SSA executives Karl Tomak and Ruby Burrell from the agency’s reinstated Office of the Chief Strategic Officer. Ms. Burrell provided an overview of the functions associated with her office as well as the current status of the agency’s strategic planning initiatives. She informed the Board that the agency’s next short-term, OMB-required plan will be released in February 2014, while SSA’s much longer-term plan entitled “2025 Vision” will be completed

by the end of 2014. This will be the first such long-term plan published by the agency since its “2010 Vision” plan was released thirteen years ago.

In the second afternoon session, the Board met with SSA’s Chief Actuary Stephen Goss and Deputy Chief Actuary Alice Wade. Mr. Goss provided a brief overview of some key results from the 2013 Social Security Trustees Report, and will return in July to discuss the report in more detail. The actuaries also provided information and handouts regarding the office’s public website. Through its website, one can access a number of topics, including the scoring of congressional proposals that address Trust Fund solvency, the financial status of both the Social Security and Medicare programs, and past Trustees Reports.

The Board also met in executive session several times throughout the day to discuss a number of matters such as future Board meetings, issue brief ideas, a possible Disability Policy Panel next year, and identity theft and budget issues.

I certify that the minutes written for the June 24, 2013 meeting of the Social Security Advisory Board are correct.



Barbara B. Kennelly

Acting Chair
Social Security Advisory Board